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20th BS trains with Fort Polk TACPs

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
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Airmen in the 20th Bomb Squadron took advantage of an uncommon opportunity to work with ground units at Fort Polk last week.

The Airmen attended a Tactical Air Control Party exercise Oct. 11 through 14 working with Airmen in ground units from the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Polk.

According to 1st Lt. Keith Sanders, 20th BS navigator, the exercise is designed to iron out the differences between ground units and aircrews.

"The Fort Polk Airmen are very eager to work with aircrews so this exercise was extended an extra day because it is such

good training for Airmen to be more prepared for what they do in combat, which is to call in close air support," Lieutenant Sanders said.

TACP exercises are performed every couple of months for a few days at a time and the next exercise is scheduled in December.

First Lt. Sean Manuel, 20th BS co-pilot, said during this exercise they worked with ground units who had more experience working with the radio than some they had worked with in the past. Both lieutenants emphasized the bonuses of participating in the exercise.

"When Airmen are inexperienced working with a radio, there is a lot more radio dialogue and they actually provide more extraneous information than we

need," Lieutenant Manuel explained. "With experience comes knowing exactly what clear, concise information we need."

Lieutenant Sanders also commented on the benefits of the exercise.

"This exercise helps them learn the standardized way of communicating with aircrews," Lieutenant Sanders said.

Lieutenant Sanders explained how a live exercise better prepares Airmen more than discussing a situation in an office setting.

"We do some types of training that involve a simulated situation of talking to ground troops over the radio, but things are a lot different when you are actually in the air," Lieutenant Sanders said.

Lieutenant Manuel agreed participating is more beneficial to Airmen.

"You can sit at a desk and go through the routine of what happens first and next and so forth, but this training helps everyone get on the same sheet of music," Lieutenant Manuel added. "The offensive team wants to put the bombs on the target right now, but in order to do that, the other aircrew members have to be moving at the same tempo."

Along with inexperienced ground units, other unexpected events can occur while working in a real time environment, including a situation where radios won't work because they aren't in a direct line of sight with each other. These unexpected events all lengthen the time it takes the aircrew to put the bomb on the target.

Lieutenant Sanders explained the consequences of this time lapse.

"The sooner we can help them, the better it will be because the longer it takes to communicate, the more they may get shot at in a real world situation," the lieutenant said.

Lieutenant Manuel expressed how this training is crucial in helping Airmen prepare for real-world events.

Memory of base etched in stone

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
JUSTASIA LEHMANN
THE BOMBARDIER

The memory of the base that helped put the "Mighty" in the Mighty Eighth is now etched in stone — or granite to be exact.

A monument to honor Royal Air Force Burtonwood, Warrington, England, and the men and women who served there, was unveiled during a ceremony Oct. 13 at the 8th Air Force Museum.

Speakers at the ceremony were Brig. Gen. Kimber McKenzie, 8th Air Force vice commander; Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander; Mr. Aldon Ferguson, Burtonwood Association founder; and Mr. James Ruel, Burtonwood Association president.

Mr. Ferguson spoke about the base's history and its impact during WW II.

"The men and women at (RAF) Burtonwood made an indelible mark in history," he said. "It's an honor to present this monument to commemorate the self sacrifice of the men and women who served at (RAF) Burtonwood and I would like to express my appreciation for everything they did."

Mr. Ruel talked about what his time at RAF Burtonwood meant to him.

"When I think about (RAF) Burtonwood, I think of the Airmen I worked, lived, played and ate with," Mr. Ruel said. "I hope the memories can be absorbed into the monument, so when people read the inscription they get an idea of how important the base was to the nation and to those that served there."

General McKenzie spoke about the importance of the dedication during her speech at the ceremony.

"This dedication is about remembering more than just a place that was very significant in the world's history," she said. "It is

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Airman Francisco Mendez, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, connects an external power cable to a B-52. BUFFs from the 20th Bomb Squadron recently participated in a close air support exercise with Airmen and soldiers from Ft. Polk, La.

Weekend Weather



Today
Mostly sunny

Hi: 76
Low: 59



Saturday
Mostly sunny

Hi: 74
Low: 53



Sunday
Mostly sunny

Hi: 66
Low: 43

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Barksdale sees pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

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| Goal: | 92 | 60 | 0 |
| Flown: | 41 | 33 | 33 |
| Remaining: | 51 | 27 | 0 |
| As of: | | | |
| Oct. 14 | +4 | +7 | 0 |



Staying "Second to None!"

BY COL. MICHAEL SHOULTS
2D BOMB WING VICE COMMANDER

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m., Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander, has his wing standup meeting with the senior leaders on base. And every week we show the 2d BW mission slide. You know the slide I'm talking about — the one that hangs all over the base with the wing's vision, mission and vector. At the bottom of the slide reads the phrase, "Second to None!"

I see these slides every week, but this last Wednesday the phrase really caught my attention and I asked myself, "What does it really take to be 'Second to None?'" I had a few encounters with Airmen over the past week that helped me answer that question.

My first encounter was very early last Friday morning at 0'dark 30. I had a great opportunity to work with the 2d Maintenance Group and the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron preflighting one of our mighty B-52s for a flight later that morning. I met up with crew chief, Staff Sgt. Lloyd Kocurek and his assistant Airman Joshua Anzengruber around 1:30 a.m. to begin the preflight on aircraft 0014. The mid-shift maintainers are the night warriors who prepare the jets and make sure they are crew ready for the morning takeoffs.

For the next six hours these crew chiefs checked the engines, checked the airframe and all the other critical areas of the aircraft to make sure it was airworthy and ready to go for the 9 a.m. launch. During that entire time, what I observed was truly inspiring — two Airmen dedicated to their job, carefully following their technical orders to make sure all inspection items were covered, yet pushing hard to make sure they had the jet ready at crew show.



As I worked through the shift with Sergeant Kocurek and Airman Anzengruber, I asked them what it was they enjoyed most about the job even though they worked long and often odd hours.

The answer was very simple but said it all — knowing that they had the jet ready on time and watching it launch. Airmen like Sergeant Kocurek and Airman Anzengruber are what make the 2d BW "Second to None."

Tuesday I had an opportunity to present an award to Senior Airman MaRyha Self who was our Airman of the Month for September. Airman Self works in the command post as the status of resources and training system monitor. Day in and day out our command post members work behind the scenes but are the eyes and ears for Col. Charchian and myself. They do a great job, and Airman Self is just one example of the great Airmen we have in our command post.

However, what truly impressed me was that when Airman Self accepted the award, she freely acknowledged the award was not just based on her efforts, but was a direct result of the support provided by her supervisors and other Airmen in her section. Airman Self and the other Airmen in our command post are what make the 2d BW "Second to None."

Every morning, I either run or go to the fitness center around

5 a.m. and just about every morning I see Airman 1st Class Jeremy Beddow. Every morning Airman Beddow reports to work to open the fitness center to make sure the center is set up for the base to use in order to keep all our Airmen "fit to fight."

He does it without fanfare but does it with the same professionalism and dedication I saw from Sergeant Kocurek and Airman Self.

I'm sure Airman Beddow doesn't think I notice what he and his staff do, but as part of the Air Force's best services squadron, Airman Beddow is doing what our services squadron does best — Airmen dedicated to taking care of other Airmen. Airman Beddow and the rest of fitness center staff are what make the 2d BW "Second to None."

So what makes the 2d BW "Second to None?" It's not the airplanes, the buildings, the computers or any other pieces of equipment. It's you and every other Airman in the 2d BW regardless of rank or Air Force Specialty Code. To be the best it takes dedication, commitment, perseverance and sacrifice. It takes adhering to the Air Force core values and embracing our core values as a way of life and not just words on paper.

So as we begin this new fiscal year for 2006, I challenge each and every one of you to again commit yourself to keeping the 2d BW "Second to None!"

Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Daniel Charchian
2d Bomb Wing Commander

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Should I stay or should I go?

Deciding whether to make career in Air Force or separate after term

BY 1ST LT. MARTIN DUPERTUIS

2D MUNITIONS SQUADRON

How many times over the last year have you asked yourself if you are going to stay in or separate when the time comes?

I often hear Air Force members discussing whether to get out at the end of their first enlistment, or to make the Air Force a career.

These conversations normally include such factors as pay, promotions, travel opportunities and the weather at Barksdale, to name a few. I am always interested to hear the reasons to stay or separate.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to be an Air Force recruiter during my enlisted years. I am amazed at how different the reasons to stay in the Air Force are from

the reason so many join in the first place.

During my time in recruiting, I helped more than 120 young men and women make the transition from civilian to Airmen. The overwhelming majority of these men and women wanted to know how much they were going to be paid, what job they could do, how much the Air Force paid for college, and how much of a sign-on-bonus I could get them.



1st Lt. Martin Dupertuis

On the strength of these benefits, they willingly raised their hands and volunteered the next four to six years of their lives to the Air Force. Soon after they got through the training pipeline and got to their first duty station, things started to change.

I am in contact with dozens of the folks I enlisted; some are even here at Barksdale. Most have reenlisted, have families and are moving up through the ranks. When we discuss

the reasons they decided to stay, I am amazed at how things like a paycheck, educational benefits and bonuses take a backseat to the intangible things such as the pride of serving their country and being a member of the Air Force family.

The first time a civilian you have never met walks up and pays for your lunch thanking you for serving your country, your whole perspective on what being an Airman means changes. I have attended several retirement ceremonies and not once has anyone talked about all the money they made or how much of a bonus they received. If you are approaching a time to make the decision to stay or not, ask yourself what you really enjoy about being a member of the Air Force.

You may find the reasons have changed dramatically from the day you first raised your hand and gave the oath. I first raised my hand and enlisted in 1988 for what was to be a four year tour and no more. Seventeen years later, I am thinking about making it a career. How about you?



Airmen, families support Breast Cancer awareness

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
THE BOMBARDIER

October is the 21st anniversary of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

According to the National Cancer Institute, based on current rates, 13.2 percent of women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives. However, because rates of breast cancer increase with age, estimates of risk at specific ages are more meaningful than estimates of lifetime risk.

Staff Sgt. Sharon Wood, 26th Operational Weather Squadron regional operations manager, is a part of this group and hopes to spread awareness about the disease throughout October.

Sergeant Wood said she will be privately celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month Sunday, which is the anniversary of her last chemo therapy treatment in 2003.

"It's interesting that this date falls in the same month as Breast Cancer Awareness Month," the sergeant said.

Sergeant Wood said Oct. 17, National Mammography Day, is a special day for her because it's also her birthday.

"It's very ironic because doctors say every woman should have a mammogram done each year on her birthday, which is an easy reminder for me," the sergeant said. "When people ask what I want for my birthday, I tell people the best gift they can give me is to get their mammogram done for me."

Ms. Ann Sanders, Cancer Support Group leader, is a breast cancer survivor and said she agrees mammograms are very important because she found her breast cancer when she had one done five years ago.

Ms. Jean Crow, 2d Medical Operations Squadron registered nurse, also accentuates the importance of women getting regular exams.

"Women should do breast self exams every month," Ms. Crow said. "If someone doesn't know how to, she shouldn't hesitate to contact her provider and we'll be happy to teach them how to do it."

"And women should get mammograms once a year beginning at age 40," Ms. Crow added.

Sergeant Wood encourages women to be steadfast in their personal accountability for their own treatment.

"This is something that is becoming an epidemic in younger women," Sergeant Wood added. "A lot of people think breast cancer only happens in their 50s and 60s, but I was only 32 when I was diagnosed with it."

Sergeant Wood said she appreciated how supportive the 2d Medical Group staff members were throughout her treatment.

Ms. Crow said she was involved in the process by making sure all the sergeant's referrals were taken care of so the sergeant was able to get necessary treatment locally and in Houston. She also wrote the necessary correspondence for Sergeant Wood's husband to get non-medical orders to go with her for appointments.

Sergeant Wood said she hopes other women with breast cancer can find it early and have it treated so they can go on living a normal, happy life.

"I was told I would never have any more children," the sergeant explained. "I had a baby three months ago so there's always a light at the end of the tunnel. She's our miracle baby."

Mrs. Sanders said the Cancer Support Group is also

Cancer Support Group information

The Family Support Center Cancer Support Group currently consists of 12 people who meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the FSC.

The meetings are open to anyone who has or has overcome any form of cancer — male or female — and their family members or significant others.

Upcoming events include a chili cook-off in November to build awareness for the Cancer Support Group and to give back to the FSC.

Call Ms. Ann Sanders, Cancer Support Group leader, at 747-6387, for more information about the Cancer Support Group.

a good support system available to women affiliated with the base.

"It's different because we've all been there," she said. "We have a different — a better — appreciation of life."

"The word cancer doesn't scare me anymore," said Mrs. Fern Turner, another Cancer Support Group member. "I've gotten used to the fact that I've had cancer."

"We're lucky we survived," said Mrs. Carol Yearman, a Cancer Support Group member. "We're all blessed that we're still here."

Monument commemorates base

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really about the people who did extraordinary things during an extraordinary time in a place called (RAF) Burtonwood. The base not only helped put the 'Mighty' in 8th Air Force, but it fueled victories that shaped the entire geopolitical landscape as well."

Following 8th AF's arrival in 1942, more than 11,500 aircraft, 40,000 engines and component parts were processed between 1943 and 1945 alone — a great many belonged to 8th AF.

"When you consider the fact that we became the 'Mighty Eighth' for our ability to launch more than 2,000 bombers with more than 1,000 fighter escorts during a single mission, it would be a monumental oversight if we failed to acknowledge the maintenance efforts that were required to keep those planes in the air," General McKenzie explained. "More than 18,000 civilian, officer, warrant officer and enlisted members assigned to (RAF) Burtonwood were the force that kept up the expedient delivery of bombs on target and ultimately, helped win the war."

The general said RAF Burtonwood's impact did not cease with the conclusion of WW II.

"After the Soviet forces blockaded Berlin in June of 1948, British and United States forces conducted the Berlin Airlift," General McKenzie continued. "The numbers are staggering: 278,000 flights and 2.3 million tons provided the basic necessities for more than 2.1 million Berlin residents for 10 months. To put it into perspective, that is 135 times greater than the massive amount of cargo supplied for Hurricane

Katrina and more than 273 times the relief provided for the Tsunami disaster."

According to General McKenzie, RAF Burtonwood remained strong in logistics, maintenance and supply throughout the Cold War. It also provided support functions for the Gulf War in 1991 before closing in 1993.

"The members assigned there had a great deal of responsibility — without a large amount of recognition," General McKenzie said. "That brings us to why we are here — to permanently honor these brave men and women who spent themselves in heroic supporting events that would determine the modern history of our world."

Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton, 8th AF commander, was not present at the ceremony, but later commented on it's connection to 8th AF.

"For more than 50 years, RAF Burtonwood provided crucial support to both the United States and Royal Air Forces. The base and its people played a monumental role in support of 8th Air Force during WW II, so it is very fitting that a memorial honoring the men and women who served at RAF Burtonwood be housed at the 8th Air Force Museum," General Chilton said. "Having this memorial here at Barksdale is a great way for the men and women of the 'Mighty Eighth' to remember and honor those servicemembers and civilians who paved the way for them."

Mr. Ferguson summed up the achievements of those at RAF Burtonwood at the conclusion of his speech.

"You did it, mission accomplished," he said.

FEMA ops winding down

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

JUSTASIA LEHMANN

THE BOMBARDIER

The Federal Emergency Management Agency mobilization center operations at Barksdale are winding down.

"FEMA has been on base since August 8, but will be leaving in the near future," said Ms. Carol Loetish, FEMA mobilization center public information officer. "Nov. 1 will probably be the last day at Barksdale."

The mobilization center stayed at Barksdale longer to help the relief efforts after Hurricane Rita while still helping efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

There were several reasons for choosing Barksdale as the location for the mobilization center.

"Many factors entered into the original decision by FEMA," said Mr. Kim Pease, FEMA public information officer. "The security factor, availability of adequate storage and the logistical location to be able to serve the area around the Barksdale radius was paramount."

Once Hurricane Katrina hit, FEMA began sending out trucks, up to 320 a day, to take supplies to hurricane victims.

"To date, 18 million pounds of ice and 35 million gallons of water have been dispatched to cities affected by the hurricanes," Ms. Loetish said. "Other supplies shipped out included MREs, cots, medical supplies, plastic sheeting, generators, home repair kits, wash kits, tables and chairs."

Mr. Pease said Barksdale's help and support has been invaluable to their operations.

"Barksdale has been very important in assisting with the mission of FEMA," he said. "We are pleased with the association and hope to continue counting on Barksdale to assist in caring for the conditions of individuals who have been impacted by disasters."

FEMA has been able to accomplish many tasks with the support of Barksdale members.

"FEMA has been able to speed up supplies from the base to impacted areas where disasters have impacted lives and living conditions," Mr. Pease said.

FEMA has been happy with their interaction with base members and with their overall experience.

"Our experiences with the military and civilian members at Barksdale have been outstanding," Mr. Pease said. "They share the concern FEMA has of bringing hurting individuals back to a normal lifestyle following a natural disaster. The experience has made a strong partnership with Barksdale."

"Overall, it has been very rewarding," Mr. Pease continued. "FEMA depends on 28 different federal agencies and the American Red Cross for help following a disaster. We interact with the Department of Defense, National Guard, United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers on a regular basis and to a lesser extent with other military facilities and members. Without their dedicated help our operation would not work as efficiently as it does."



New clubhouse: Now hole in one, not hole in wall

BY TECH. SGT. CHRIS DEWITT

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Fox Run Golf clubhouse grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony will tee off Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Customers will be able to register the entire week for a prize drawing that will be held at the end of the week.

The contract was awarded in July 2004, and construction began in September 2004 on the \$2.8 million, non-appropriated fund project.

Measuring more than 9,000 square feet, the new building is double the size of the old clubhouse.

"We have an expanded dining facility and pro shop," said Mr. Larry Busch, general manager. "We can now carry more merchandise in the pro shop."

To make use of the added space in the new clubhouse, the snack bar area was constructed with a meeting room for private meetings and parties.

"A temporary wall separating the meeting room from the dining area folds into the wall to open the area up for large functions as well," Mr. Busch said. "The snack bar went from a cubby hole to a really modern dining facility. We've been putting band aids on the old building for a long time."

The new facility boasts state-of-the-art equipment and new furniture and fixtures throughout.

"You would have had to see the old kitchen to appreciate what we have now," Mr. Busch added.

Another added feature for golfers who want a quick bite between holes is the drive-thru for golf carts at the snack bar.

"We are going to put a phone on the ninth hole tee box for customers to phone in orders," Mr. Busch said. "Then they will be able to go to the drive-thru on their way to the next hole."

Something else the customers will enjoy is the upgraded men's and women's locker and club storage rooms, Mr. Busch commented. "It's something we've wanted for a long time."

Staff members at the clubhouse are not the only ones excited about the new facility.

"We have an old dilapidated, non-functional clubhouse," said Mr. Wayne Penrod, chief of 2d Bomb Wing investigations and inquiries and an avid golfer. "It's 2005 — we would like to have an appropriate facility."

"We want a nice clubhouse that supports a nice golf course," Mr. Penrod added.

The old facility was built in the 1930s, and Mr. Busch credits his staff members' efforts while working in the old facility.

"Our staff did a good job with what they had to work with," Mr. Busch said. "I think our service will really improve with this facility change."

Red Ribbon Week begins

BY JEFFERY HIKES

2D MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON

National Red Ribbon Week begins today through Oct. 31.

Barksdale officials will celebrate the event Oct. 28 at the Youth Center by having youth members pledge to remain drug free and demonstrate the base's support and the Department of Defense's support for the campaign.

The event began in 1985 after the death of Enrique Camarena, a drug enforcement agent.

Angered by his death, many citizens in his hometown began wearing red ribbons in his honor and the National Family Partnership began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to fight illegal drug use.

"Drug awareness is important because when you abuse drugs, you risk everything that's important — family, friends, job, money, self-respect and life itself," said Lt. Col. Scott Calder, 2d Medical Operations Squadron commander.

The annual observance is a voluntary drug awareness, prevention and education campaign. Organizations offer a variety of programs to highlight the nation's commitment to fighting drug abuse through prevention and treatment efforts.

"Real Heroes Don't Use Drugs" is the campaign's national theme this year, and offers Airmen the unique opportunity to reinforce the "Say No to Drugs" message.

"Drugs pose an enormous threat to our national security," said Mr. Gordon England, deputy secretary of defense. "Red Ribbon Week is a national observance to remind us of the dangers of drug abuse and the benefit of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle."

He declared Monday through Wednesday as DoD official observance of Red Ribbon Week. Major commands and wings will run observance the whole week.

"Prevention of drug use and abuse will continue to demand our best efforts," said Col. Michael Shoults, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander. "It's important to emphasize to every Airman that drug abuse is incompatible with military service, mission accomplishment and our core values."

Each year, the Red Ribbon Campaign has grown and now impacts millions of Americans.

"Red Ribbon Week provides Barksdale and its surrounding communities an opportunity to reenergize their commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, and emphasize our dedication to education and prevention efforts," said Col. Robert Todaro, 2d Medical Group commander.

Red ribbons can be picked up at the 2d MDOS demand reduction office on the second floor of the clinic, at the Family Support Center and at life skills services. Active duty members are encouraged to wear ribbons on civilian apparel, however they are not authorized for uniform wear.

Red Ribbon Week events

Some of the on-going activities for Red Ribbon Week will include:

- A drug and alcohol prevention booth is 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 2d Medical Group lobby, including red ribbons, rulers, balloons, key chains, pencils, pens, stress balls, erasers, yo-yos and t-shirts
- Drug and alcohol prevention exhibits will be shown 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Red River Dining Facility
- Officials from the 2d Bomb Wing will pledge to be drug free with Barksdale's youth from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the youth center
- Patrolmen from the 2d Security Forces Squadron will hand out bags, ribbons and gifts to trick-or-treaters in military family housing area during trick-or-treat patrols from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31
- Drug prevention education at many local schools including Barksdale's Youth Center will take place all week, and 2d Medical Operations Squadron demand reduction staff will be distributing flyers throughout the wing and community containing a brief history of Red Ribbon Week

Contact the drug demand reduction office at 456-8021 for additional ribbons or information.



News briefs

Retirements

Master Sgt. John Knott

Master Sgt. John Knott, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, retires after 20 years of service at 3 p.m. today in the 2d AMXS Patterson auditorium. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Capt. Tracy Woodard at 456-4888 for more information.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stevens

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stevens, 2d AMXS, retires after 20 years of service in a ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday at the 8th Air Force museum. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rob Clontz at 456-3152 for more information.

Death notice

Anyone having a claim against the estate of Senior Airman Christopher Harger, 307th RED HORSE Detachment 1, call 2d Lt. Devon Hubbard at 456-4896.

West Gate closure

The West Gate is closing Nov. 10 for work on the railroad crossing surface and repainting of the stop lines. The gate closes at 7 p.m. Nov. 10. The Visitor's Center customer service will relocate to a trailer in the Barksdale Club parking lot while the inbound lanes are closed. All other gates are scheduled to be open 24 hours a day to accommodate traffic. Inbound lanes will reopen by the morning of Nov. 14 and outbound lanes will reopen by the afternoon of Nov. 16. Call Mr. Percy Adams at 456-2560 for more information.

2d SFS relocation

The law enforcement desk has temporarily relocated upstairs in building 5676 for ongoing renovation. There is a direct line to the office from the main entrance. Call Master Sgt. James Russell at 456-1384 for more information.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Halloween walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Call Master Sgt. James Russell at 456-1384 to volunteer or for more information.

Harvest Festival

The base chapel sponsors a Harvest Festival with food, game booths, candy and a bouncy castle from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel Two annex. The event is free, open to the entire family and costumes are welcome. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Randolph McCafferty at 456-9699 for more information.

ASIST class

The next Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop is 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Oct. 28 at Chapel Two Annex. Dress is civilian casual. ASIST is an interactive workshop format that includes suicide first aid, not psychotherapy. People who attend will learn hands-on intervention techniques in a low risk environment to practice intervention skills. There is no cost for the workshop, but size is limited to 15 people. Call 456-2111 to reserve a seat.

"I am THE BOMBO"

By GBU-31 JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION
2D MUNITIONS SQUADRON

*"You tell them I'm coming . . . and hell's coming with me!
You hear?! Hell's coming with me!"*

When you see me coming, you'd better run. I'm the GBU-31, Joint Direct Attack Munition. I am a global positioning system-guided air to ground weapon system that is accurate within mere feet. With a stand-off range of about 15 miles, I can be launched from altitudes up to 45,000 feet. You could run, but you'd just die tired.

I made my debut during Operation Allied Force and have been, dare I say, "the weapon of choice" during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. I'm made of a MK-84, 2,000-pound bomb body. Put a guidance system tail kit on me and I'm considered a "smart" bomb. I don't come out of the box this way, it's the Airmen of AMMO at the 2d Munitions Squadron who make me smart. Without them, I'd be just another "dumb" gravity bomb.

I pass through six AMMO shops before I get loaded on to an aircraft — munitions control, storage, accountability, inspection, the precision guided maintenance shop and finally, line delivery.

"The components of the weapon pass through an average of 10-20 hands before it gets loaded on to an aircraft," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Easter, munitions flight chief. "These are the Airmen who ensure its accountability, safety and serviceability. We can't deliver a bad bomb."

Munitions control starts tracking me before I get to Barksdale. This shop is like a sponsor, making sure everything is ready for me and my components when we arrive.

"Control coordinates the arrival of the JDAMs' six components," said Tech. Sgt. Terrance Ford, senior controller. "These components come in several shipments and we log them as they arrive and hand them off to storage."

After control logs a shipment, my components are now under the watchful eye of munitions storage personnel, who act like supervisors, and make sure I in-process the base.

"Storage receives the components and accompanies them where they need to go," explains Tech. Sgt. Wes Allen, assistant NCO in charge of storage. "As the components pass through the different elements, such as AFK (accountability) and inspections, we carry them every step of the way."

Munitions accountability, or AFK, is the first stop. They inventory everything from bullets to bombs, as well as maintain munitions receipts and track expenditures. The shop tracks 15 munitions accounts, 12 aircrew accounts, and provides tracking for the base's tenant units, including Navy and Marine Corps assets.

"Everything associated with tracking munitions begins and ends with us," said Tech. Sgt. George Coppock, assistant NCO in charge of accountability. "We count and recount to ensure the accountability of all munitions assigned to Barksdale."

Munitions inspection is the first to crack open the containers and inspect all the components that make me who I am.

"The JDAM is actually the simplest smart weapon in our inventory," said Tech. Sgt. James Wohlscheid, munitions inspection bay chief. "There are no periodic inspections asso-

ciated with the JDAM. We test the serviceability of the components and get them ready to go on the bomb."

After I pass through the inspection shop, I go into one of the many storage locations in the weapons storage area and wait until B-52 aircrews need the baddest bomb on the block.

Once an order is placed from one of the flying squadrons' schedulers, my components are collected by the storage shop and delivered to the PGM shop. They get the pleasure of assembling me into a fearsome weapon of destruction. Of course this doesn't happen overnight. A lot of work goes into getting all my components together.

"Normally it takes about 48 hours to get all the JDAM components ready for assembly," Chief Easter said. "During a contingency, assets can go from receiving to load-ready in less than 24 hours."

All JDAM components must be stored in different locations. For example, fuses can't be stored with tail kits and bomb bodies must be stored by themselves. This is where the bulk of the work happens.

"The weapons order comes down to us and we send our Airmen out to collect all the parts and take them over to PGM," Sergeant Allen explained. "Dispatch is the nerve center of the storage element — they start the process."

Once my components are delivered to PGM, a crew of four Airmen assemble each weapon. According to these Airmen, there's no better weapon than me.

"The JDAM is versatile — depending on the bomb body used, it can penetrate a target, provide an airburst effect or detonate on impact," said Staff Sgt. James Gooding, crew supervisor. "The JDAM gives the Air Force its teeth in combat."

"One of the best features of the weapon is the versatility it offers the aircrews," said Airman Eric Kyle, PGM crew member. "As the mission changes, the aircrew can change the fuse setting to achieve better accuracy when going for a target."

Tech. Sgt. Mark Clark, NCO in charge of PGM, said the most important thing the Airmen in the shop have is attention to detail.

"AMMO is a very diverse, hands-on career field," he said. "Experience comes with every build up of a weapon, but paying attention to the details and ensuring the safety of the weapon and the build crew are the most important parts of this job."

PGM crew member Airman 1st Class Rodney Lucas thinks on-the-job training is the key to knowing the job, in-

side and out. "The basics are in the books but you learn the most when you're out there building."

"The Airmen in this shop have to pick up the job fast because the mission is at stake," added Staff Sgt. Keith Flesher, support supervisor. "Building a JDAM isn't like ordering at a fast food restaurant, it's takes many Airmen to work as a team to get the weapons plane-side in a matter of hours."

These Airmen make a great team — because now I'm finally complete. Once all my components are assembled, the line delivery shop takes me to the flightline for loading on to the mighty B-52. They are the last shop to see me before getting loaded on to an aircraft.

"When we pick up the weapons from the PGM shop, we are the last quality check before they are turned over to the weapons loaders," said Airman 1st Class Joseph Kitzman.

"Because AMMO is a team, we know we can count on each other. I know when I take the bombs out to the flightline the job was done right."

"Everyone in AMMO comes together to get the mission done," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Riner, assistant NCOIC of line delivery. "Without us there would be no bomb on target."

Being a team is what it is all about for all AMMO Airmen.

"AMMO troops are a close-knit group and very family oriented," Chief Easter explained. "We take care of each other and pull together because we are a family."

Now that the Airmen of AMMO have completed their mission of making me, I can complete my mission of killing bad guys. So if you see a BUFF coming, you can bet I'm hanging out on the wing, and when I am released ... I'm bringing hell with me.



Airman 1st Class Rodney Lucas and Airman Eric Kyle, 2d Munitions Squadron precision guided maintenance crew members, prepare to attach the fins to an MK-84 body.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett/2d BW PA

Above: Airman 1st Class Rodney Lucas, 2d Munitions Squadron precision guided maintenance crew member, attaches a cable to a Joint Direct Attack Munition for testing after assembly. Internal tests ensure the tail kit on the weapon is serviceable.

Left: Airman Eric Kyle inserts a nose support cup into the front of a MK-84 bomb body. The cup provides support for the nose of the weapon so it does not collapse upon impact, allowing better penetration of the target.





Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Virtual lemon lot

Sell a vehicle online. The auto craft shop is now putting cars, boats and RVs on the new online lemon lot. The cost is \$10 a month and includes posting up to two photos of the vehicle, a short description and a contact phone number on the Barksdale Services Web site. Ads will appear for 30 days. If the vehicle sells before the ad expires a sold banner is placed over the vehicle's photo. Download an entry form at <http://www.barksdaleservices.com>, or stop by the auto craft shop or call 456-1866 for more information.

Sale

Furnishings such as queen beds, dressers, armoires and more are for sale at Hoban Hall Nov. 4 and 5. The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until all items are sold. Call 456-2959 for more information.

Super bingo

Win big bucks every Tuesday at the Stripes enlisted ballroom for super bingo. The program is open to all ranks and features 10 cash games and two progressive jackpots including a \$6,000 and a \$1,100 jackpot. Sandwiches from Frank's are served from 5 to 8pm and Early Bird Bingo begins at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the club at 456-4926.

Songwriting contest

The Dallas Songwriters Association hosts a songwriting contest, Songs from the Soul of Service. The contest is free and open to all amateur songwriters currently serving in the military. Prizes are awarded in a variety of categories. For contest information and rules, visit www.songssoul-service.org.

New ticket location

Information, Tickets and Tours, formerly known as Gifts and Getaways, is now open in the Arts and Crafts Center building. Call 456-1866 for more information.

Paddleboats

Enjoy a day of paddleboats at Harmon Lake Oct. 29 from 4 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes paddleboat rental and barbeque for dinner. Sign up at outdoor recreation by Oct. 24 to participate. Call 456-7765 or 453-0991 for details.

Quarterly birthday meal

Red River Dining Facility is hosting a quarterly birthday meal Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. The meal will be honoring those with birthdays between October and December. Call 456-8068 for more information.

Screams theme park trip

Take a trip this Halloween to Screams Theme Park in Waxahatchie, Texas. The group departs at 12 p.m. Oct. 29 and arrives back at 3 p.m. on Oct. 30. Cost is \$70 per person based on double occupancy and \$90 for single occupancy. Lunch and dinner are not covered with trip cost. The sign up deadline is Oct. 26. Call Tickets and Tours at 456-1866 to book this trip.

Auto washing, detailing

Auto washing and detailing services are now available at the auto hobby shop. Services include interior cleaning, three packages of car washing options, waxing, buffing, engine cleaning, interior upholstery cleaning, rubber and vinyl dressing and more. Call the auto hobby shop at 456-4695 for more information.

Teen maintenance class

A teen car maintenance class is scheduled Oct. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. for youth ages 13 to 17 at the Auto Craft Shop. Learn auto safety, when to get expert maintenance, how to check the car for problems, how to check oil, fluids and brakes, how to change a tire and other basic car care tips. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 456-4695 for more information.

Wednesday bingo buffet

During October, club members receive a free bingo card with a chance to win \$500 on Wednesdays with a purchase of the lunch buffet. Stop by the Barksdale Club or call 456-4926 for more information.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



Senior Airman Cole Waibel

Hometown: New Ulm, Minn.

Unit: 2d Munitions Squadron

Job title: Munitions system specialist

Job description: Assemble and maintain munitions for the 2d Bomb Wing

Most rewarding job aspect: The opportunity to work on all the different munitions employed from a B-52

Goals: Finish my degree in accounting

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and watching or playing sports

Favorite TV show: Family Guy

Favorite movie: Out Cold

Favorite dish: Lasagna

Favorite sports team: Minnesota Twins

Favorite performer: Celine Dion

Favorite book: War and Peace

I'm proudest of: What I have already accomplished

Person I admire most: My father

What motivates my winning attitude: Serving my country

My best asset is: The ability to get the job done

What I like most about Barksdale: The East Reservation

Pet peeve: Lazy people

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: Put some lights on the pier at Flag Lake

Most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: Tech. Sgt. Noah Wood, he has taught me all I need to know about AMMO

2d Munitions Squadron at a glance

2d Maintenance Group commander

Col. Bret Klassen

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. Cliff Weller

Squadron commander:

Lt. Col. Rodney Mason

Squadron Motto:

Paragon of Power



Last Call
for Vendor Booths,
Car & Motorcycle
Entries

October 22
9am-4pm
Hoban Hall

FALL FEST, CAR SHOW & BIKE RALLY





At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice. Admission: Adults \$3.50, children \$1.75 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



"The Transporter 2"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 88 minutes

Cast: Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassmann

Synopsis: An ex-Special Forces operative, Frank, makes a living driving for the wealthy Billings family. He's a huge favorite with their two small boys, but when the kids are kidnapped, Frank defies the FBI and works relentlessly to get the boys to safety and discover the kidnapper's master plan.

"The Man"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 84 minutes

Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Eugene Levy

Synopsis: A case of mistaken identity forces Federal agent Derrick Vann and dental supply salesman Andy Fidler to team up as they speed through the streets of Detroit to pull off a sting operation and solve the murder of Vann's former partner.



The streets of Barksdale

*Fairchild Avenue
formerly Second Street East
renamed Feb. 17, 1988
Named for Gen. Muir Fairchild (1894-1950)*



An American air power pioneer, Gen. Muir Fairchild enlisted in the Army in 1916 and received his pilot's wings two years later. During World War I, he flew night bombing missions over the Rhine with the French and was later wounded in action while assigned to the 11th Aero Squadron. Teamed with fellow pilot Ira Eaker, he participated in the epic Pan American Goodwill Flight, 1926-1927, around Central and South America. During World War II, General Fairchild held many senior posts including assistant chief of the Air Corps and served as a member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1946, he was named the first commandant of the Air University. Promoted to a four-star general in 1948, he became vice chief of staff of the Air Force. Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Wash., is named in his honor. (Courtesy 2d Bomb Wing Historian)

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Ave. and Curtiss Rd. 456-8400 — Reservations are required for all events.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a mock deployment for children ages 3 through 15, is 10 a.m. Oct. 29 at Hoban Hall.

TAP seminar

The Transition Assistance Program seminar is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and is a workshop conducted by the Department of Labor. The program is designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life.

Smooth Move program

The Smooth Move program is 10 a.m. Tuesday and includes face-to-face meetings with representatives from Traffic Management Office, legal, Military Pay and the Family Support Center. Valuable information is provided to assist in making the move as painless as possible. A 30-minute presentation covering items unique to overseas-bound members and families is also available.

Bundles for Babies program

The Bundles for Babies program is 9 a.m. Wednesday and includes how to prepare financially for a baby, car seat safety and the baby's first three years. Both parents are encouraged to attend and all ranks are welcome. All expectant moms will receive a free bundle worth \$50. Seating is limited.

Buying a home

The home-buying workshop is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday for people who dream of owning their own home but don't know what it takes to find the right home or to secure financing, including the chance to ask questions of a variety of experts, when available.

Chapel information

Chapel One — 275 Barksdale Blvd. E., 456-2111

Chapel Two — 724 Douhet Dr., 456-2466

Catholic services

Confession, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two
Mass, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two
Mass, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two
Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One
Daily Mass, 11:35 a.m., Monday through Friday, Chapel One

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One
Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two
Inspirational gospel worship service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

Chapel job openings

The Barksdale Chapel has the following job openings: accounting technician, Catholic parish coordinator and Protestant music contractor. The deadline for applying for the job openings is today. These positions are offered as contracts under the Barksdale chapel tithes and offerings fund of the base chapel and are not funded by appropriated funds. Call Tech. Sgt. James Mitchell at 456-2111 for statement of work, bid information, and more information.

Dining information

Dining hall information

Call 456-7733 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for the flight kitchen menu information.



Base youth get a kick out of sports

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Young athletes get their introduction to sports year-round through the Barksdale youth sports program. The current season underway is soccer and examples of other sports the youth sports program provides are basketball, baseball and tee ball.

Scores are not kept during the games to promote fun over competition.

"I want the kids to learn the sport that we are having at the time," said Mahtorhee Bell, youth sports director. "It's not important at the young age to keep score. We want them to learn the basics and good sportsmanship."

The sports program splits the youth into three different age groups; 5 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 13 years old.

Trish Brock's son Tyler, participates in the league.

"I like that it is a positive sports program that encourages everyone to play and that everyone is a winner," Brock said.

Mr. Bell says he is charged with a wide array of responsibilities including field maintenance, inventory, ordering uniforms, maintaining paperwork of coaches and player as well as running multiple sports. He doesn't believe the program would exist without the numerous volunteers who help in different aspects of the operation.

"The strength of our program is that we have a lot of volunteers and without them we wouldn't have a program," Bell said. "We have volunteer coaches, referees and staff and they make it possible by helping me out a lot."

Bell says he really enjoys watching the children learn the sport. His favorite memory is of a girl he coached in tee ball who at first didn't know anything about the sport. She really didn't enjoy the sport at first but warmed up to it after learning more about it.

"A few months later I overheard her explaining tee ball in great detail to a friend during the after school program at the youth center," Bell said. "I nearly fell out of my chair it really made me feel like I had made a difference with her and gave her a good introduction to the sport."



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Tyler Brock makes a play on the ball as players from the Tigers and Gators surround him.



A youth soccer participant dribbles down the field during a youth soccer game Saturday. Youth soccer games are played at the Youth Center soccer field.

Sports shorts

October golf special

Bring a civilian guest to the golf course during October Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays, tournaments and special events, and the guest pays the same daily green fee as the sponsor. Call 456-2263 for more information.

Cosmic Halloween bowling

Stop by the bowling center Oct. 29 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for cosmic Halloween bowling and costume contest. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are recommended but not required. Bowlers must be present by 9:45 p.m. to hold lanes. Call 456-4133 for more information.

Fit Factor

Fit Factor, the Air Force Services new youth fitness initiative program, encourages healthy choices and teaches youth the value of their lives. Being fit will put youth in touch with their bodies, increase their self-esteem and help them establish the desire to set personal goals. Fit Factor is a web based program that will reward youth for being active and making healthy choices everyday. Call the youth center at 456-3448 for more information.

Mudbugs hockey

Mudbugs Hockey tickets are available at tickets and tours, now located at the arts and crafts center, for the season opener today, 7:05 p.m. at the CenturyTel Center. Saturday is Mudbug's Military

Appreciation night. Free lower level tickets are available at tickets and tours for all military. Tickets are limited to four per guest and supply is limited. Call 456-1866 for more information.

Saturday paintball

Paintball is now available every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new field at Clear Lake Park. Cost is \$12 per person and will admit participants for the day. Rental gun, mask and 100 paintballs are also included in the admission price. Only paint purchased at the field is permissible. Additional paint is \$4 for 100, \$15 for 500, \$30 for 1000 and \$60 for 2000. Call 456-7765 for more information.

Fitness improvement classes

Participate in the fitness center's new circuit program. Improve strength and aerobic conditioning while helping to improve participants' fitness test scores. The classes are held at the fitness center Mondays at 5:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Strongest man, woman contest

Compete for the strongest man and woman title Nov. 8 at the Fitness Center. Strength tests include bench pressing and leg pressing. First and second place finishers receive trophies. Call 456-4135 for more information.